

# WELLS CHARGES POTTER

## Says New Yorker Interfered Here.

The following letter was written some months ago, and just now has been given out to the press. There are some facts brought out in it which will prove of great interest, especially those referring to the status of the bishop while at San Francisco. The letter says:

### AN OPEN LETTER.

From the Bishop of Honolulu to the Chairman of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The following appeared in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu, on January 24, 1902:

Bishop Potter advises going to the court.

Suggests an injunction to keep Bishop Willis from ending Second Congregation.

"I would by all means get out an injunction to restrain Bishop Willis from attempting in any way to interfere with your congregation."

"I am writing him by this mail in very plain terms."—Extract from a letter of Bishop H. C. Potter to Rev. Alexander Mackintosh.

My Dear Bishop of Kentucky—The pleasant recollection I entertain of the courtesy with which you received me into the House of Bishops on Monday, October 13th, the fifth day of the session of the general convention, held at San Francisco, given me assurance that what I have now to say before you will be carefully weighed and considered.

In the communication I laid before your house through the committee of the bishops in council, I undertook, through the action of the Diocesan Synod of the Anglican Church in Hawaii, to bring the church of the Church of England in the Hawaiian Islands into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. The task was one for which no precedent existed in the history of the Anglican communion. I need hardly mention that it has involved weeks of anxious and continuous labor. At the outset we found ourselves confronted with obstacles which appeared insurmountable. But in the issue, as the record I have already sent you shows, without sacrifice to a single principle, and without deviating from the fundamental provisions of the Anglican Church in Hawaii, that church is now the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Hawaiian Islands, holding all its valuable property subject to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Reluctant as many of our people were to part with the unbroken link of the church of England, the situation was cheerfully accepted, and by a unanimous standing vote the synod acceded to the rule of worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and promised allegiance to its constitution and canons. All this has been done, and the proposed union reached that on the day on which my jurisdiction ceases I should hand over to the presiding bishop of the church in the United States a diocese at unity in itself.

Should this hope fail of realization, the cause of the failure will be the unholy, unchristian interference of the bishop of New York, whose letter to a clergyman in this diocese has been published, urging him to take legal proceedings against the bishop for no other purpose than to prevent the allegiance we have promised to your branch of the church going into effect, and to carry into the new regime a diocese entirely foreign to all rules and regulations of the Protestant Episcopal Church. If any think that Bishop Potter understands conditions here, it is sufficient to state that he was ashore here less than ten hours. His unchristian action is based not on personal knowledge, but on a party correspondence. This act of the bishop of New York, by which he has stirred up the elements of strife and disaffection and aims at putting the liberties of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Hawaiian Islands under the heel of a faction which for forty years has hindered the growth and development of the church of the Anglican communion in these islands is but the exposure of the hand which for months past has been directing a conspiracy against the liberties of this church and diocese.

Not to go back further than last autumn, lest I weary you, you will doubtless remember that I was introduced to your house at its morning sitting by Bishop Potter on Monday, October 7, the fifth day of the session. When recess was taken you announced that on reassembling the bishops would go into council on the Hawaiian question, and you asked me to attend. Since my arrival in San Francisco on the evening of the 5th, not one of the bishops had called on me, nor had I received the faintest intimation that any action had been already taken on that matter. I had undertaken the journey to San Francisco by invitation, supposing that there would be mutual consultation as to the future of the Diocese of Honolulu, which founded originally in the kingdom of an independent sovereign had come in consequence of the Spanish-American war within the territory of the United States. The Diocesan Synod of the church in Hawaii had already expressed its readiness to take the necessary steps for the union of the diocese with the American branch of the Anglican communion. Not only was the resignation of the bishop not essential to accomplish this result, but, having made the question a special study, I say without fear of contradiction, that without the bishop the result could not have been constitutionally attained. It could only be reached by the voluntary act of the Anglican church in Hawaii through its diocesan synod. And an act of the synod required the concurrent consent of the bishop, clergy and laity.

Nevertheless, although it was known that I should be in the city in time for the fifth day of the session, a resolution had already been brought into

# BISHOP NICHOLS WILL COME WITH KNOWLEDGE

(Special to the Advertiser.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The long drawn out controversy between Bishop Willis and the Second Congregation of St. Andrew's cathedral has deeply interested Episcopalians in California. When the bishop was here a few months ago his striking figure attracted much attention on the streets, and his peculiar costume caused much comment on the part of San Franciscans. It is believed here now that with Bishop Nichols in supreme command Bishop Willis will submit gracefully. Town Talk says:

Now that Bishop Nichols has been appointed to the Hawaiian diocese, his famous bon mot upon the right to leave, and Willis, the incumbent bishop of the islands, would seem to become a matter of historic humor. Bishop Willis will be remembered as the tall, thin old gentleman who appeared before the Episcopal convention in knee breeches and emaciated calves, and gave a somewhat long and late-for-dinner talk on "What I have done for Honolulu and why you should not put me out of there," at the end of which talk it suddenly appeared to most of the convention that maybe he ought to be put out after all. They wondered how so fat a position could produce so lean a clergyman and feared lest the good man was starving himself to help the poor. Later in the day, Bishop Nichols was approached by a member from New Jersey.

"There is some rumor, Bishop," said the Eastern member, "of Bishop Willis resigning and of the Senate sending you to take his place. What do you think about it?"

"What do I think about it?" exclaimed Bishop Nichols. Then he stopped and smiled. "I'm afraid," he said, "that that will not be a case of 'Barkis is willin' but more probably, of 'Willis is barkin'."

And Willis has backed with a vengeance.

### CAPTAIN POND.

Word comes from the East that Captain Charles F. Pond, of the United States Navy, will soon be stationed here in charge of the Naval Training School on Goat Island. The Navy Department has decided upon his appointment as executive officer of the station, although no public announcement of the fact has yet been made. Captain Pond is now at Washington, D. C., but is expected here in a few days. He has been in the navy twenty-five years, and his valuable services at Honolulu are of course familiar to all readers of the Advertiser.

Captain Pond was stationed for six years at Mare Island. While he was in Honolulu, his son, Charles Pond, was appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, by Delegate Wilcox, as the first cadet named from Hawaii. Mrs. Pond is the sister of Mrs. E. B. Lamore, of Berkeley, and of Mrs. Wm. Keith, wife of the celebrated artist. Captain Pond's mother-in-law is Mrs. J. J. McHenry, of Berkeley.

### LECTURE ON HAWAII.

M. H. Flint is still talking about Hawaii before large audiences. Flint will be well remembered in Hawaii, as the United States postal inspector, who had charge of the Americanizing of the Hawaiian postal system, and who made many friends while in Honolulu. He is a fluent talker, and having been much in the house and passed asking for my resignation. Having been passed in council and no knowledge of it had gone abroad, and as I have already said, no intimation of it had been conveyed to me until coming into your house on that Monday afternoon, October 7, the secretary read out the resolution, a copy of it being placed in my hand. The occasion was one that stood out as clearly as I can discover, unparalleled in the history of the church, the bishop of an independent See invited to the house of bishops of a branch of the church with which his diocese was not yet connected, and on entering their assembly of over eighty bishops, all but seven of whom were junior to himself in the episcopate, to be called upon to address them on a resolution already passed asking him to resign.

The present action of the bishop of New York throws a side light upon an action which was to me at the time incomprehensible and inexplicable. It is perfectly true that after the annexation of the islands had taken place, I signified my readiness to resign on condition of the continuity of the See being secured, should such a course be desired by the house of bishops. But my offer on that condition had not been accepted. Moreover, the aid given to this diocese by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which included my entire stipend, had been withdrawn on June 30, 1900, and from that date I had maintained the status of the church in the islands, through the aid of a few earnest churchmen, without receiving a dollar from the church in the United States, which in 1898 had claimed the ultimate jurisdiction over the church in the islands. That notwithstanding the cutting off of an annual grant of \$4,250 per annum, not a single mission had been abandoned, constituted, I still venture to think, some claim on the consideration of your house; nor was it a presumption on my part to expect that the first step on the part of your house, if a change in the episcopate was desired, would be to confer with me with regard to the renewal of the offer I had made in 1899 and to ascertain the true position of the diocese in respect of its property, clergy, and institutions. Until the publication of our diocesan statistics in the general convention souvenir edition of the Catholic Witness, it was impossible for the members of your house to have had any real knowledge of the position of affairs in this diocese.

Nor could the whole state of the diocese be learned from that statistical table. For, holding most strongly that for a bishop voluntarily to resign his See is to look back from the plow to which he has put his hands, I have rooted myself in these islands as deeply as any bishop in the United States is rooted in his diocese. An important educational institution has from a month after my arrival in 1872 been carried on on my own private property, which would have ultimately

impressed by what took place in Hawaii. He trained an interesting class, which, illustrated with lantern slides, he delivered whenever opportunity offered. An evening or so ago he described the beauties of Hawaii in a hall full of people at the Los Angeles Young Men's Christian Association.

### THE FISH EXPERTS.

It is evident that Dr. Gilbert, who heads the piscatorial commission to Hawaii, and who is one of the most distinguished ichthyologists in America, was not liked by the students of Stanford University at which he has a chair. One of the clearest graduates of Stanford is Will Irwin, now on the editorial staff of the Chronicle. Irwin writes on Dr. Gilbert in the News Letter as follows:

Dr. Gilbert of Stanford University has gone to study the fishes of Hawaii, and there is a great sigh of relief coming up from Palo Alto. Perhaps this is the cause of the great winds that have been sweeping through the city this week and threatening to blow the Donahue fountain into the bay. He that as it may, I am glad for the students and sorry for the fishes. This medieval fishbaiter and intuitive spy has so long stirred up ill feeling in every community he has entered that I should not be at all surprised if the Honolulu fishes get wind of his coming and migrate in a body to Labrador or Alaska, though, or some other out-of-the-way body of water where Gilbert is not. When I reflect that the study of fishes is the specialty of Dr. Gilbert of Stanford, I lift a little silent prayer of thanksgiving that I am not a fish.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Gladys River Ray, who is a sister of Johnny River, and who was well known in Honolulu, where her mother kept a boarding house, is now singing in public. She recently sang at a mechanical piano recital. The concert was as follows: Piano recital by Gladys River Ray, mezzo-soprano, and Victor talking machine. Mrs. Ray was sandwiched in between the machine, Paley and the phonograph, but did very well I am told. By the way, the use of these mechanical players is becoming so common that a current joke illustrates the possible future: Little Mary—"O, mamma, come downstairs quick. There is a man playing the piano with his hands."

M. A. Hunt, of San Francisco, is reported in the New York Commercial as saying that the freight line between San Francisco, Seattle and Puget Sound ports and Honolulu will be a big dividend payer. He says: "Business between these points is steadily increasing because the Hawaiian Islands under American rule are developing rapidly. There has been so much to attract Americans that they have not attracted the attention they would have done under normal conditions. However, Americans are beginning to appreciate the possibilities of the islands now and many are going there. I believe that within a few years they will be as important from a commercial viewpoint as any State in the Union."

The daily papers note the death of Dr. George Saul, at Honolulu. The body was expected to arrive on the Alameda. Dr. Saul was a native of Pennsylvania, aged 72 years. He was recently graduated from the San Francisco Medical College, and had served with the United States army in the hospital corps.

### FREDERICK O'BRIEN.

become the property of the church. By a will executed in 1897, I had made my successor in the See legate of much that I learned in the trust for the church. The house of bishops having now called it upon me to tear up my roots in these islands, "forcing me out," in the language used by Bishop Potter to the secretary of the S. P. G., in his letter of April 20, 1900, incorporated in the society's memorandum of October 4, 1900, that will true position of affairs, how came it about that a house composed of the leading men in the United States passed a resolution so eminently unfair to a brother in the episcopate? I am persuaded in my own mind that the consent of the house was obtained by the bishop of New York. I have already in my address to the synod, a copy of which I have sent you, criticized a memorial from these islands which was presented to both houses of the general convention. I need only add that it was not promoted by Americans, and that it never lay in a public place for signature, which would undoubtedly have been the case had the promoters been acting honorably and constitutionally. I stated in my address my belief that it had been signed by all sorts and conditions of men, women and children, and not a word has been said in synod or out in rebuttal of that statement.

My criticism of that memorial did, however, elicit one important statement which appears on the journal of the proceedings of the synod now in the press. It was this, that the promoters of that memorial acted on the instigation of a prominent churchman in the United States. It was no secret that the prominent churchman was the bishop of New York. Now, sir, you have the story in a nutshell. Bishop Potter corresponded with certain disaffected persons in the islands and persuaded them to place a memorial in his hands, and armed with that lever he secured in council the passage of the resolution asking me to resign.

And now, not content with this, he has continued in correspondence with a clergyman in this diocese who for years has held communion with his bishop and brother churchmen in the sacrament at the altar at the opening of our synods, and urges this man to institute proceedings in a civil court against the bishop to whom he owes canonical obedience. As I said at the outset, the difficult work intrusted to us has been carried through on constitutional lines. If there was one duty devolving on me more imperatively than another, it was not to leave my successor entanglements to unravel, or bequeath to him obstacles to the free exercise of his ministry in his own cathedral. And if through the intrigues and interference now brought to light a factions opposition to the acts of the synod continues to exist, to the disturbance of peace and harmony, the responsibility for it must rest with the bishop of New York.

# PRINCE IN MANY STATES

## High Honor Is Paid to the Guest.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 4.—Prince Henry was too tired to appear for any of the receptions informally tendered to him by the cities through which he passed early this morning in Northwestern Ohio, until his arrival in Cleveland at 9:10. His train, which left Milwaukee at 10:10 o'clock last night, was transferred at Chicago, shortly after midnight, and left at once for Toledo, Buffalo and Niagara. At Toledo nearly 2000 people were at the depot at 6:20 o'clock when the special came in. They had a band and two big bouquets and were all ready to extend the hospitable hand. The Prince was sleeping when the train arrived at Toledo. The band awakened him but it was too late then to get up. The bouquets were thrown aboard and later in the morning the trainmen presented them to the Prince. There was another crowd at Sandusky, but the Prince had fallen asleep again and did not come out.

There has been some apprehension aboard the train about possible delay in New York on account of the floods, and it has been practically decided that if the train cannot be put through on the routes mapped out for it without extended delay, it will be transferred to one of the Southern lines.

Thousands of people forced their way through gates at the Union Station when the train bearing the Prince and his party arrived in this city. Rear Admiral Evans was the first person to appear on the car platform. He was cheered wildly by the crowd, most of whom recognized the naval hero.

In the absence of Mayor Johnson, Acting Mayor Beacom informed Prince Henry that the people of Cleveland were very much disappointed in not having the honor of his presence here for a long period. He said that the city was made up largely of German-Americans, all of whom had been enthusiastically in favor of giving him a reception.

Prince Henry expressed his gratitude for the kind words and said he regretted that a longer stop had not been arranged. Mr. Beacom, at the request of the crowd, urged him to appear upon the platform and make a brief address.

"Send him in," said Prince Henry, when informed of the presence of a man who claimed to have been a valet to the Prince on a German man-of-war. The Prince recognized him immediately and there was an enthusiastic handshaking. Prince Henry inquired into many details of his life since he had served on his ship.

Prince Henry then stepped out on the car platform. Cheers after cheers rang out from the crowd, followed by calls for a speech. The Prince smiled and bowed, but pointed to his throat and remarked that he was too hoarse to attempt to deliver a speech.

After a stop of 15 minutes the train pulled out for the East at 9:25 followed by tremendous cheering from the crowd, which the Prince acknowledged by repeatedly bowing.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—Prince Henry arrived here this morning, and was greeted by thousands. He remained in the city four hours. A breakfast party was given at the St. Louis Club. Mayor Wells presented the Prince with a casket of silver, ornamented with gold, containing the address printed earlier by the mayor.

CHATTANOOGA, March 3.—Prince Henry went up Lookout Mountain today and after viewing the ground where the Union and Confederate armies met in conflict and hearing afresh the story of the battle, resumed his journey. Leaving Chattanooga, the train went through a corner of Alabama, hurried across Tennessee, Kentucky and thence to St. Louis.

MILWAUKEE, March 4.—Milwaukee played the host to Prince Henry for six hours this afternoon, and gave him a reception that was enthusiastic and unique. It began with a drive through the business and residential districts in review before a crowd that numbered 200,000. Then there was a public reception, at which Governor La Follette and Mayor Rose voiced their welcome and the United Singing Societies raised their voices in mighty chorus. There was also a splendid illumination and a thrilling night run of the Milwaukee Fire Department. Later there was a banquet at which the Prince met the leading citizens of the city and State.

BOSTON, March 4.—During Prince Henry's visit here he will be given a \$10,000 Masonic souvenir, the donor being Mrs. P. C. Goodwin.

CHICAGO, March 4.—No more flattering welcome could have been expected.

For myself, I have endeavored unreservedly, and with the same loyalty to the constitution and principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as if I were to remain in the See, to leave the diocese on a sure foundation, and to remove from the path of my successor certain hindrances to his liberty of action, and I am confident that, when the work of our diocesan synod is examined and understood, it will (to use the words of the preface to the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England) have the approbation of "all sober, peaceable and truly conscientious sons" of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

I remain, my dear bishop, sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ALFRED WILLIS,  
Bishop of Honolulu.  
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To the Right Reverend T. U. Dudley, D. D., Bishop of Kentucky, Chairman of the House of Bishops.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt was accompanied this afternoon on his horseback ride by Prince Henry. Both went out in a rainstorm. A splendid dinner was given the Prince Henry by the German ambassador. Henry was present at the McKinley memorial services.

CINCINNATI, March 1.—Prince Henry traversed the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio today and tonight his special train is speeding through Kentucky into Tennessee. He stopped for receptions at Altoona, Pittsburg, Columbus and Cincinnati. During the run by Portage, Prince Henry entered the cab of the engine.

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